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## **STAKEHOLDER SURVEY SUMMARY**

Surveys were distributed in late April of 2007 in order to encourage open, two-way communication between Stakeholders and the USACE Great Lakes Navigation Team. The surveys were used to obtain feedback on functional harbor dimensions. The responses identified the harbors most critical needs and were incorporated into the FY09 budget process. Comments from the surveys were also used to update the Facts Sheets of the responding harbors.

USACE Great Lakes Navigation Team received 33 surveys returned from stakeholders regarding the maintenance of Harbors for FY09 to FY13. The following is a brief summary of the comments given by the stakeholders:

- Stakeholders request routine maintenance dredging and expanded funding.
- Stakeholders suggest the use of outside funding;
  - Harbor Maintenance Trust Funds
  - Other Government Agencies
  - Private Businesses
- Many Stakeholders would like to see annual or biannual dredging.
- There needs to be a “Set schedule” for dredging.
- Stakeholders commented on loss of business and tonnage do to lack of ship maneuverability in their harbors.
- Dredging is needed for safety; water depths limit responses of the Coast Guard.
- Small Harbors are being passed up because they are not a high priority, recreational harbors need funding as well to maintain business.
- One stakeholder suggested exploring ways to control sediment at the mouths of harbors.